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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1958

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VITAL STATISTICS

<p>Areas in acres 4,771</p> <p>Rateable Value at April 1st.1958 £130,460</p> <p>Sum represented by a penny rate £531</p>	<p>Number of occupied Houses 3757</p> <p>Number of Council Houses 828</p> <p>Population (mid 1958) 10,710</p>
<p><u>BIRTHS</u></p> <p>Live births: Legitimate</p> <p>Male 75</p> <p>Female 77</p> <p>Total 152</p> <p>Illegitimate</p> <p>Male 1</p> <p>Female 6</p> <p>Total 7</p> <p>All live births</p> <p>Male 76</p> <p>Female 83</p> <p>Total 159</p> <p>Still births:</p> <p>Male 2</p> <p>Female NIL</p> <p>Total 2</p> <p>Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 14.8</p>	<p><u>DEATHS</u></p> <p>Deaths; all causes</p> <p>Male 77</p> <p>Female 63</p> <p>Total 140</p> <p>Deaths from puerperal causes NIL</p> <p>Deaths of infants under 1 year of age</p> <p>Male NIL</p> <p>Female 1</p> <p>Total 1</p> <p>Death of infants under 4 weeks of age NIL</p> <p>Death rate per 1,000 estimated population 13.06</p>

Causes of Death:

Registrar General's							1958		
<u>Classification:</u>							Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Whooping cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
14.	Malignant neoplasms, lymphatic & other	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	7
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
17.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	-	-	-	-	-	9	19	28
18.	Coronary disease, angina	-	-	-	-	-	16	3	19
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
20.	Other heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	7	11	18
21.	Other circulatory disease	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	6
22.	Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
23.	Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	7
24.	Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of the prostate	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	-	-	-	-	6	8	14
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
34.	All other accidents	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	5
35.	Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deaths, all causes							77	63	140

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Immunisation

During 1958 - 174 children under the age of five years received their primary immunisation against diphtheria, whilst a further 78 children of school age received treatment to maintain their immunity.

Satisfactory progress was made with poliomyelitis vaccination and no great delays occurred. The response from the higher age groups can still be improved.

B C G vaccination was again offered to children of school leaving age. 28 boys and 35 girls accepted it.

Tuberculosis

There was one death from pulmonary tuberculosis during the year.

Four new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified. Three further cases came to reside within the District.

Cases residing in the District at the close of the year were distributed as follows:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary tuberculosis	24	15	39
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	6	5	11
Totals	30	20	50

Other infectious disease

The following cases were notified:-

Measles	4
Scarlet fever	7
Erysipelas	1
Food poisoning	2

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

For the preparation of the following information I am indebted to Mr. Basil S. Pike, Chief Public Health Inspector.

Water Supply.

Water supplies remain satisfactory in quantity and quality:

Eight samples of treated water in supply were examined. All were satisfactory.

The present supply to dwelling-houses in the district is as follows:-

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Population</u>
Number supplied from wells	4	8
Number supplied from public water mains:		
(a) Direct to the houses	3668	10,462
(b) By means of standpipes	85	240

Sewage Disposal

Approval has been granted for the reconstruction of the sewage disposal works and the laying of an 18 inch relief sewer.

The total number of water closets in the area is 5,458 with 14 premises served by pails. 6 cesspools exist.

Refuse Collection

Houses and other premises are supplied with dustbins for the storage of domestic refuse. Collection is at weekly intervals and disposal by controlled tipping.

Trade refuse is collected separately and charged at the rate of 15/- per bin per year for a weekly service. 125 premises are concerned.

The destructor and salvage depot, which formerly dealt with trade wastes, were closed down during the year. All refuse is now disposed of at the Council's Sutton Road Tip.

Inspection of the Area.

Complaints received	181
Premises involved	857
Nuisances or defects discovered	1,260
Total inspections made	3,102

Nature of Inspections

Nature of Inspections	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	12
Bakehouses	4
Dairies	12
Drainage Works	67
Dwelling-houses	1,312
Infectious Disease Enquiries	22
Food Premises	305
Food Poisoning Enquiries	8
Offensive Trades	3
Refuse Collection and Disposal	243
Schools	4
Shops	25
Slaughter-Houses and Meat Inspection	391
Smoke Observations	28
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	27
Verminous and Dirty Premises	61
Water Supplies	1
Workshops, Outworkers, etc.	54
Other Inspections	523

Notices

PRELIMINARY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	24	46
Issued during year	105	240
Complied with during year	111	245
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December	18	41

STATUTORY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	-	-
Issued during year	-	-
Complied with during year	-	-
Outstanding 31st December	-	-

Shops Act, 1950

25 visits were made in the course of which five defects were discovered. All of these defects were remedied.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Licences renewed/issued	3
Visits to premises	6
Contraventions found	NIL

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

Number of premises registered for upholstering, etc.	1
No contraventions were discovered.	

Special Classes of Premises and Occupations subject to Control.

Written Consent to establishment of trade of Rag and Bone Dealer renewed	1
Written Consent to establishment of trade of Fat Extractor, Fat Melter and Glue Maker in operation	1

These premises were inspected on three occasions.
There were no matters necessitating attention.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Rodent Officer, as other duties permitted, has proceeded with the routine inspection of the District. 3,660 Visits & Inspections have been made during the year, in routine survey of the district & treatment at premises. Infestations by rodents are treated free at dwelling houses; business & agricultural premises are charged for the service. Council properties are inspected regularly & treated as required.

Disinfestation.

No verminous premises were discovered during 1958, but 209 visits were made to premises in connection with treatments to destroy flies, wasps, ants & other insects.

Swimming Baths.

21 inspections of the Council's bath were made. The filter media had been renewed prior to the opening of the 1958 season & the operation of the purification plant is now satisfactory.

Camping Sites and Moveable Dwellings.

Number of camping sites for which licences have been issued	1
Number of licences issued for moveable dwellings under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936	3

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

Factories concerned in the operation of the Acts	118
Other premises	10
Inspections made	54
Contraventions found	7
Contraventions remedied	7
Number of outworkers	43

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

Premises inspected	65
Inspections made	141
Informal notices served	26
Informal notices complied with	29
(including three outstanding from 1957)	

Ice Cream

41 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. No sampling was carried out.

Milk: Dairies and Distributors.

Dairies Registered	2
Distributors Registered	4
Inspections made	12
Contraventions found	NIL

Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949; and Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Licences issued:-	DEALERS
Pasteurised	5
Sterilised	1
Tuberculin Tested	5

Milk Sampling.

Sampling for the detection of infection with living tubercle bacilli or Brucella abortus was continued. 8 samples were taken, all proving satisfactory.

23 further samples were taken for bacteriological examination. All were satisfactory.

Meat and Other Foods.

The Council owns the abattoir and provides the facilities for a public slaughterhouse.

11,058 animals were slaughtered therein during 1958. All of these were examined at the time of slaughter, 370 visits being made for this purpose.

The findings of examination are shown in the following table:-

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	2037	54	42	7485	1440
Number inspected	2037	54	42	7485	1440
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	1	12	82	13
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	726	15	6	246	49
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	35.7	29.6	42.9	4.4	4.3
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	4	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	197	7	-	-	25
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	9.9	13.0	-	-	1.7

CYSTICERCUS BOVIS - 6 carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.

Meat Stalls.

No. of Inspections36

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

No. of Inspections12

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale.

No. of Inspections261

Foodstuffs (other than meat) condemned1,246 lbs

HOUSING

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

- (1)(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 243
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 423
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 1

Houses demolished or closed in the period.

<u>Housing Act, 1936 & Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Number of Persons displaced.</u>
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Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure	18	10
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Closed as a result of closing orders or undertakings	NIL	NIL
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<u>REPAIRS in the period.</u>	<u>Number of Houses</u>
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Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts.	75
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HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

- (a)(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year 1
- (2) Number of families dwelling therein 2
- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein 10
- (b)(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year 3
- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases 30

HOUSING ACT, 1949.

- (a) Number of applications for improvement grants 18
- (b) Number of applications approved 18
- (c) Number of applications refused NIL

New Houses

Houses completed during the year:-

- (a) By Local Authority 11
- (b) By Private enterprise 57

Houses under construction at the close of the year:-

- (a) By Local Authority NIL
- (b) By Private Enterprise 35

New Houses (continued)

TOTAL No. of Post War Houses completed by:-

(a) Local Authority 503

(b) Private enterprise 387

Total Number of applicants for Council
houses at end of year 262

Number of applications received during
the year 74

Number of Council Houses in the district
prior to 1939 319



